Statement

Date of fulfilment———————

Ministry of Communications

No. and Date	Subject	Promise Made	When and How fulfilled	Remarks
Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 202 dated 16-5-90 by Shri Harvendra Singh Hanspal & Shri Murlidhar Chandrakant Bhandare, M.Ps.	INQUIRY INTO PHONE TAPPING Asking— (a) whether the CBI Inquiry in regard to alleged tapping of telephone and bugging of some Members of Parliament and other leaders has been completed; (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and (c) the follow up action taken by Govt. thereon ?	(c) Action would be taken when report is received.	(c) The CBI has submitted its report. This has been handed over to the Privileges Committee of the Lok Sabha which is looking into the question of tapping of telephones.	Extension of time upto 15-2-91 has been sought.

Branch Post Offices in Orissa

6. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many branch post offices have been sanctioned and opened District-wise during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 in Orissa;

(b) how many Gram Panchayats, District-wise in Orissa do not have branch post offices; and

(c) what action Government contemplate to provide postal facilities to all those Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information as desired is given in the Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 1)

(c) Post Offices are opened in rural areas subject to fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources and plan targets. Preference is given to Panchayats without Post Offices. In addition it is proposed to provide basic postal facilities to the people in rural areas through the Gram Panchayats.

विदेश संचार निगम द्वारा हिन्दी भाषा और देवनागरी लिपि का प्रयोग

7. **श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विदेश संचार निगम द्वारा अपनी प्रौद्योगिकी के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में हिन्दी भाषा तथा देवनागरी लिपि का उपयोग प्रारम्भ किया गया है, अथवा किये जाने की योजना है ; और

(ख) क्या विशेषत: इलैक्ट्रानिक मेल में देवनागरी लिपि को भी अपनाने की योजना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सूखराम) : (क) हिन्दी भाषा का प्रयोग, विदेश संचार निगम लिमिटेड द्वारा प्रदान की जा रही अंतर्राष्ट्रीय टेलीफोन, दूरदर्शन, प्रैस बुलैटिन एवं वीडियो कान्फ्रेंसिंग सेवाओं में किया जा सकता है । किसी भी सिरे पर सद्वभाषी टेलैक्स तथा उपयुक्त द्विभाषी ग्फ्टवेयर का प्रयोग करके अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय फैक्स टेलैक्स तथा डॉटा कम्यूनिकेशन सेवाओं में देवनागरी लिपि का प्रयोग किया जा सकता है । विदेश संचार निगम लि० नम ए टी टी तथा एम सी आई के माध्यम से 'आरस्कार सेवा" नाम की सीधी सेवा भी रीकीम्भ की है । इस सेवा के अन्तर्गत, ग्रम प्रचालक कलेक्ट/क्रैडिट कार्ड आधार पर भारत से हिन्दी में की गई कालों को मिलाते हैं ।

(ख) जी, हां । विदेश संचार निगम लि०, अपनी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक-मेल सेवा के लिए देवनागरी लिपि दूरस्थ प्रयोक्ता एजेंट (आर यू ए) आरम्भ करने की योजना बना रहा है । इससे उपभोक्ता, विदेश संचार निगम लि० की इलेक्ट्रौनिक मेल सेवा से देवनागरी लिपि में संदेश भेजने और इलेक्ट्रॉनिक-मेल प्राप्त करने में समर्थ होंगे ।

Foreign equity for Private Companies in Telecom Services

8. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a compulsory minimum of 10 per cent foreign equity is mandatory for private companies bidding for basic telecom services so far as the stipulations of the tender issued by the Telecom Commission are concerned;

(b) if so, whether such a provision is violative of the spirit of competitiveness; and

(c) if so, whether it is consistent with the basic objectives of the New Telecom Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However for the purpose of counting the experience and networth of a partner company, such company should have a minimum of 10 per cent equity in the bidder company.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of above.

Management of telephone traffic in the country

9. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunication have recently introduced a Traffic Control and Management Information System;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the System; and

(c) in what manner it will improve the existing management of telephone traffic in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir, on an experimental basis. At present the system is connected to 21 E-10B type electronic exchange in MTNL, Delhi.

(b) Traffic flow data collection on all the routes of the exchanges connected to the system.

— 'ON LINE' display of the above date for routes with heavy traffic congestion/high outage on computer screen in tre control room of network management cell.